Grants from Land Revenue under new V. P. Act to Gubbi Taluk.

Q.—473. Sri B. C. NANJUNDIAH (Kora).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of land revenue given to Gubbi Taluk under the new V.P. Act;

(*b*) out of this, how much was given to the Hoblis of Chelur and Hagalvadi;

(*c*) whether this is in accordance with the population;

(*d*) whether this amount is being given direct to the panchayets ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Rs. 28,475 during 1953-54.

(*b*)

1953-54.	Rs.
Chelur	4,205
Hagalvadi	5,000

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

Mandya Sugar Factory (Confectionery Section).

Q.—479. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the income derived by them from the confectionery section of the Mandya Sugar Factory since its inception;

(*b*) whether it is their desire to hand it over to private agency;

(*c*) from whom applications have been received for this;

(*d*) why should this be given away to others if this is a profitable concern ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) No income is derived by Government from the confectionery section of the Mandya Sugar Factory, which is owned and operated by the Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., a Joint Stock Company.

(*b*) Since the confectionery plant is the property of the Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., the question of its disposal by Government does not arise. It is understood, however, that the Company has sold it to a private concern.

(*c*) One application from Sri Gowrishankar Industries, Bangalore, for its purchase by Government and its transfer to the applicant on hire-purchase system was received.

(*d*) It is reported that the Sugar Company decided to sell it because it was not working at profit.

Harijans (Prevention of beating Thamates, etc. in village processions).

Q.—503. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Chintamani—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their knowledge that the Harijans are being compelled in the State to beat thamate, dacca, mrudanga, kinimini during the period of the procession of the village deities and also on the occasion of Deepothsavams;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that cases are under enquiry in courts as the said system has created in some places ill-feeling among the Harijans themselves and also enemity in villages;

(*c*) whether they would give permission for the abolition of beating of drum, etc., by the Harijans ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the reply furnished to clause (*a*) above.

Surgical Instruments (replacements in Hospitals of Bangalore North and Devanahalli Taluks).

Q.—523. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Bangalore North).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—